

PROCLAMATION **NURSING HOME WEEK** MAY 8-14, 2005

WHEREAS, in America, the number of elderly and people with disabilities needing quality nursing home care is on the rise; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's citizens who now reside in nursing homes have made valuable contributions to the growth and prosperity of our state; and

WHEREAS, nursing facilities provide caring and supportive services that make quality of life possible for our loved ones; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Long Term Care Association is working with member facilities across the state to increase awareness about North Dakota's long-term care services with a message of "Taking Center Stage"; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to visit friends and loved ones who reside at our state's nursing homes and to recognize the quality services that North Dakota's long-term care facilities are providing; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 8-14, 2005, **NURSING HOME WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/ John Hoeven Governor

Attest:

/s/ Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State